GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Disposal through Underground Sewerage System
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Governmentproposes to take any steps for the disposalof human waste/excrete throughunderground sewerage system in the ruralareas of the country as done in developedcountries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by theUnion Government to popularise the useof flush compost toilets in rural areas ofthe country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) and (b) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), measures are taken to prevent open defecation and to provide safe disposal of human excreta. This can be done through on-site toilet technologies such as twin-leach pit that do not require underground sewerage system and are much cheaper and equally effective. The choice of technology lies with the end-user, as long as it ensures safe disposal of human excreta.

(c) The focus of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behaviour change of people to adopt safe sanitation and hygiene. In order to educate the people, the programme lays emphasis on community involvement. Up to 8% of total resources can be spent on Information, Education and Communication (IEC).